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SUBJ: TRADE ACT OF 1974-GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES

REF: A. STATE 005868 B. DAKAR 0046

1. EMBASSY OFF. DISCUSSED PREFERENCES SITUATION WITH
PIERRE BABACAR KAMA, DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN TRADE IN SENEGALESE
FINMIN JAN 23. KAMA, WHO IS WELL INFORMED ON PROVISIONS
OF US TRADE BILL, SAID SENEGAL HAS NOT YET DECIDED ITS
POSITION ON REVERSE PREFS. KAMA INDICATED DECISION WOULD BE
MADE ON "POLITICAL" GROUNDS ALTHOUGH HIS ADVICE TO HIS SUPERIORS
WAS ON ECONOMIC BASIS.

2. KAMA SAID THAT ACP-EEC AGREEMENT MAY STATUTORILY EXCLUDE
REVERSE PREFS., AND IN SUCH CASE, GOS WOULD HAVE NO CHOICE.
EMBOFF SAID HE HAD GOTTEN IMPRESSION THAT EACH ACP COUNTRY WOULD
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BE ABLE TO GRANT OR NOT GRANT REVERSE PREFS. ON INDIVIDUAL

BASIS. KAMA ACKNOWLEDGED THIS PROBABLY BUT INSISTED GOS HAD NOT YET MADE DECISION ON ACTIN IT WOULD TAKE IN THIS EVENTUALITY. KAMA UNDERSTANDS IMPLICATIONS OF REVERSE PREFS. UNDER TRADE BILL.

3. COMMENT: PRES. SENGHOR ESPOUSES EURAFRICA CONCEPT AND IS CONVINCED OF NEED FOR RELATIONSHIP OF MUTUAL DIGNITY WHERE EACH SIDE OFFERS CONCESSIONS TO OTHER. IN OPENING SPEECH TO ACP CONF. IN DAKAR DEC 18, GOS PRIMMIN DIOUF NOTED "RECIPROCAL UNDERTAKINGS AND MUTUALLY AGREED CONCESSIONS, ARRIVED AT IN OVERALL CONTEXT OF OUR RELATIONS WITH EUROPE, ARE BEST GUARANTEE OF CONTINUITY." IT APPEARS, THEREFORE, THAT GOS STRONGLY LEANING TOWARD CONTINUATION SOME FORM OF REVERSE PREFS. IF SUCH PREFS. ALLOWED UNDER NEW ACP-EEC AGREEMENT. THERE HAVE EVEN BEEN ALLEGATIONS THAT GOS ACTUALLY SUPPORTS REVERSE PREFS. TO EARN FAVOR OF EEC NATIONS (ESPECIALLY FRANCE) AND THEREBY HOPES TO ASSURE LARGER SHARE OF EEC MULTILATERAL AND BILATERAL AID. OTHER ACP'S, ESPECIALLY ANGLOPHONE AFRICANS, NATURALLY HAVE EXPRESSED STRONG DISAPPROVAL OF THIS "MENTALITY".
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